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RUDDY DUCK DESIGN ANNOUNCED FOR NEW FEDERAL DUCK STAMP

The design of the 1941 "duck stamp," which must be purchased by all migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 years old, has been taken from a ruddy-duck drawing by E. R. Kalmbach, it was announced today by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. Eighth in the annual series, these "duck stamps" will be placed on sale at all first- and second-class post offices on July 1.

The color of the new stamp was described as "lively brown."

Mr. Kalmbach's design shows a male and female ruddy duck with their brood swimming at the edge of a marsh. A well-known painter of wildlife subjects, Mr. Kalmbach is also nationally known as the head of the Fish and Wildlife Service food-habits laboratory at Denver, Colo.

Anyone may purchase the "duck stamp" singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. About twice the size of a special delivery stamp, the "duck stamps" cost \$1 each. Unsold issues are required by law to be destroyed after the year of issue has expired.

Last year post offices sold 1,111,561 migratory waterfowl hunting stamps, as the duck stamps are officially called. Most of the purchases were made by sportsmen, though it is estimated that some 20,000 were bought by philatelists.

Ninety percent of the money realized from the sale of "duck stamps" is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 percent is used for printing and distributing stamps, administrative purposes of the Migratory bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal activities for migratory bird conservation.

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